

ABSTRACT

The invention is directed to a method of providing an inventory of digital images and a computer storage medium product for providing a fixed record of the inventory. The inventory represents items found within a household, a business and/or a collection that are grouped into rooms and/or areas and/or categories. The method comprises acquiring digital images of the items for the inventory, transferring the images to a computer memory, formatting the images in the computer, encrypting the formatted images, applying a personal identification number (PIN) or password to the encrypted images and transferring the encrypted formatted images to a storage medium. The images taken by a camera may be transferred to the computer memory by direct coupling or a wireless link. All image files are then deleted from the camera memory and the computer memory. The storage medium product may be a CD-ROM or a secured server memory having data that comprises a number of room/area/category folders for storage of inventory images from corresponding rooms/area/categories, a thumb print folder within each of the room/area/category folders for storage of corresponding thumb print images and a viewer folder for storing files for viewing the images. The data may further include decryption files for decrypting the images stored in the folders.